Priority question for written answer P-005387/2020 to the Commission

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Subject: Nuclear power plant in Krško, Slovenia, to double in size

The rumours concerning the doubling in size of the nuclear power plant in Krško, Slovenia, have apparently been confirmed by the statements of several representatives of the governments of Slovenia and Croatia as well as during the visit of the US Secretary of State, Mike Pompeo. Although nuclear safety is the responsibility of each individual state, the Commission is nonetheless required to taken on a supervisory role when it assesses investment projects.

The European Court of Auditors has recently asked the Commission to update the EU legal framework on nuclear safety as regards the methods and procedures used to assess the transposition of Euratom directives and, above all, its arrangements for drawing up opinions on nuclear investments in the Member States.

In the light of the above, and pointing out that the Just Transition Fund – adopted at first reading by the European Parliament on 17 September 2020 – does not provide for funding for the construction or decommissioning of nuclear power plants, can the Commission say:

whether it is aware of any plans to build a second reactor at the Krško power plant in Slovenia;

what its opinion on the matter is;

whether any funding is currently being provided for the construction of new nuclear reactors or for the decommissioning of old ones, in particular in Slovenia and Croatia?